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Saturday the Sixth day of *September*, One Thousand,
Seven Hundred, and Ninety-four,

A N D T O B E O B S E R V E D B Y A

R I E N D L Y S O C I E T Y,

met at the RICHMOND ARMS Inn, in GODALMING,

In the County of S U R R E Y,

the Fifth Day of JULY, One Thousand Seven
Eighty-three.

from thence removed, and now held at the ANGEL Inn
in GODALMING, aforesaid;

the purposes of rendering irremovable from any Parish or place
actually chargeable, and for affording relief to such Members thereof
who are aged, infirm, or under any accident or sickness; and an allowance
to Widows or Relations of such Members as shall happen to die. In-
to be exhibited to the Justices of the Peace to be assembled at the
ARLMS General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, One Thousand
Hundred and Ninety-four, to be holden at KINGSTON in and for the
County. To be by the said Justices at their discretion allowed and
under an Act of Parliament passed in the 33d year of the Reign
of the present Majesty. Intituled "An Act for the Encouragement and
of FRIENDLY SOCIETIES."

R U S S E L L S, G U I L D F O R D,

P R I N T E R S, & C. & C. M D C C X C V,

REGULATIONS AND ORDERS R U L E S

AGREED ON

At a meeting of the Committee, held on the sixth day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-four.

AND TO BE OBSERVED BY A

FRIENDLY SOCIETY,
in GODALMING.



In the County of Surrey.

the Fifth Day of July, One Thousand Seven Eighty-three.

from thence removed, and now held at the Anchor Inn
in GODALMING, aforesaid;

for the purpose of rendering irrevocable from any Party or place
any sum of money, and for affording relief to such persons as may
be in need of assistance, or who may be in any manner distressed,
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R U L E S,
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F I R S T.

THAT there shall be two Treasurers and two Sub-treasurers of this Society; each of whom shall continue in office three months, for the collecting and safe keeping the monthly contributions, which shall be paid on the first *Saturday* in every month; and the forfeitures and penalties hereinafter mentioned; and for applying the same to such uses as hereinafter expressed. And that all the Members of this Society shall succeed to the said offices of Treasurers and Sub-treasurers every three months in rotation, as their names stand on the list in the following manner, *viz.* The Treasurers shall continue in their office three calendar months, and shall then resign their office to the Sub-treasurers for the time being, who shall also at the end of every three calendar months resign the said office of Sub-treasurer to the next two Members on the list, so that every Member may succeed to the said offices in the like rotation. And in case any Member of this Society shall neglect or refuse to serve the said offices, or either of them, as they shall respectively come to his turn, he shall for every such neglect or refusal forfeit two shillings

*Appointed
Officers.*

shillings or be expelled. And that the Treasurers for the time being, shall have proper and necessary books to be provided at the expence of this Society, wherein they shall enter and keep an exact and particular account of all monies by them received and paid for or on account of this Society; which accounts shall be regularly balanced at every monthly meeting of this Society. And that the Treasurers for the time being shall immediately upon resigning their office, regularly pay over unto their successors in office for the time being, all such sum and sums of money as shall be then in their hands. And *James Woods* and *James Sumner*, hereby appointed Treasurers, and *George Tickner* and *James Hackman*, are hereby appointed Sub-treasurers for, and during the three months next ensuing the date hereof.

Contribution II. THAT every Member of this Society shall on the first Saturday in every month pay one shilling and four pence towards the stock or fund of this Society, and two-pence to be spent for the use of the club room and in case any Member shall at any one of the quarterly meetings be in arrear, and shall not at such quarterly meeting or within one calendar month thereafter next after, pay and clear up all arrears, he shall be then expelled.

Member expelled readmitted

III. THAT if any Member of this Society who shall have been expelled under the second article, shall be desirous of being re-admitted a Member, such person may with the consent of a majority of the Members present, at a monthly meeting, be re-admitted, but shall continue to pay his monthly contributions regularly two whole years from the time of his re-admission, before he shall receive any benefit from the stock or fund.

Transfer IV. THAT every Member of this Society shall at the time of his admission pay one shilling and six-pence into

to the hands of the Treasurers for the time being
wards increasing the stock or fund of this Society;
and shall continue to pay his monthly and other con-
tributions regularly during the space of two whole
years before he shall be intitled to receive any benefit
relief from the stock or fund. And that no person
shall be admitted a Member of this Society, but with
the consent of a majority of the Members present at a
monthly meeting.

V. THAT if it can be proved to the satisfaction of *Members*
majority of the Members present at any quarterly *at Admission*
meeting, that any Member of this Society at the time *being expelled*
his admission into the same, laboured under any
hereditary, periodical, or chronic complaint, such
Member, shall, immediately on such proof being
made, be expelled.

VI. THAT no soldier, sailor, Sheriff's officer or *No Soldier*
bailiff, or any servant or assistant to any Sheriff's officer *Sailor or*
bailiff, in the execution of his office, shall be ad- *Sheriff's Off.*
mitted a Member of this Society. And if any Member *to be a Member*
of this Society shall after his admission voluntarily
enter or enlist as a soldier or sailor either in the re-
gulars or navy, or as a substitute in the militia, or shall
become a Sheriff's officer or bailiff, or assistant or servant
of a Sheriff's officer or bailiff; every such Member im-
mediately on his entering or enlisting as aforesaid, or
becoming such officer or servant as before mentioned,
shall be expelled.

VII. THAT no person shall be admitted a Member of *No Member*
in Society, who shall be above the age of thirty-three *to be 33*
years: And if any Member shall propose or offer to *of age*
admit into this Society any person above the age of
thirty-three years, he shall (on his knowledge of such
fact being proved to the satisfaction of a majority of
the Members present at any meeting of this Society)
forfeit five shillings or be expelled.

VIII.

Members in Prison for Debt sick VIII. THAT if any Member of this Society shall happen to be imprisoned for debt, and shall happen to be sick, lame, or under any accident during his imprisonment, he (having regularly paid all his monthly and other contributions and forfeitures) shall be entitled to, and receive the same relief or benefit from this Society as any other sick Member.

Stock to be kept in a Chest and Regulations IX. THAT the money which now is, or shall be hereafter raised by the contributions and forfeitures shall be kept in a box, having five several locks and five keys, two of which keys shall be kept by the Treasurers for the time being; two others by the Sub-treasurers for the time being; and the fifth together with the box, by the landlord for the time being of the house where the club is held, he giving security to the Society for the safe keeping the same.

Constitution received X. THAT the Treasurers and Sub-treasurers for the time being, shall meet at the *Angel Inn*, in *Godalming* aforesaid, on the first *Saturday* in every month, and shall at each of the said monthly meetings sit to receive the monthly contributions two hours at the least, viz. from seven o'clock in the evening, till nine o'clock in the same evening. And on failure thereof each Treasurer or Sub-treasurer shall for every such neglect forfeit one shilling.

Motion XI. THAT every member of this Society who has regularly paid his monthly and other contributions towards the stock or fund during the space of two whole years, and who shall happen to be sick, lame, or under any accident, provided such sickness, lameness or accident did not happen through fighting, (except in self defence) or is not a venereal complaint, and shall not be capable of working or following his trade

ade or business for his livelihood, shall be paid by the Treasurers for the time being, out of the stock or fund of this Society, eight shillings *per* week. And in case the Treasurers for the time being, or either of them, shall after the expiration of one week from the time they shall receive notice of the illness or infirmity of any Member of this Society (except as before excepted) neglect or refuse to pay such ailing Member the weekly allowance before mentioned, such Treasurer or Treasurers shall for every such neglect or refusal, forfeit one shilling each. And that the Treasurers for the time being shall visit all and every the sick Members of this Society, who shall be resident in the said parish of Godalming, or within three miles distant from the Angel Inn at Godalming aforesaid, once in every week during their illness at the least (exclusive of the days of paying them the before mentioned weekly allowance) and on neglect or refusal thereof, each Treasurer for the time being shall forfeit five shillings for every such neglect or refusal.

XII. THAT if any Member of this Society shall *upbraid* any fellow Member of his having received *fellow Member* any benefit or allowance from the stock or fund (such *for receiving* Member having a right thereto) he, on evidence of two credible witnesses of the same, shall for every such offence forfeit five shillings or be expelled.

XIII. THAT any Member of this Society who shall *Member* use derogatory words, or otherwise, endeavour to dissuade *and carrying* any fellow Member from continuing the due *transacting* observation of these rules, or to dissolve this Society, *Society* to share the stock or fund, or shall propose shutting the box with intent to determine or stop the weekly allowance for any given time, shall for every such offence forfeit two shillings and six-pence or be expelled.

XIV. THAT any Member of this Society who (being *Member* capable of laboring or carrying on his trade or business, *or, being* or

or following any diversions or games, shall impose on this Society under a pretence of being sick or lame or otherwise infirm, and shall on that account receive the weekly allowance before mentioned clandestinely, during such time, he shall on good proof of the same on oath of two credible witnesses, refund to the Treasurers for the time being all the money so clandestinely received by him; and shall be subject to, and shall pay to the Treasurers for the time being, such fine as the majority of Members present at a special meeting to be convened for that purpose, shall impose on him (provided such fine do not exceed the sum of five pounds) or shall otherwise be expelled.

*Relations
of Quakers
Members
to receive
certain
allowance
for funeral*

XV. THAT at the decease of any Member of this Society (he having regularly paid his monthly and other contributions and payments during the space of two whole years at the least before his death) the widow, or for want of a widow, the nearest relation or whomsoever else the deceased shall in his life time by will, or otherwise, appoint, shall be paid out of the stock or fund by the Treasurers for the time being, as soon as they can conveniently meet, the sum of three pounds towards defraying the charges of the funeral of such deceased Member. And the further sum of three pounds at the first quarterly meeting next after the death of such deceased Member. And that every Member of this Society shall for the space of three months to commence from the day of the decease of every Member who shall happen to die leaving a widow or other relation, or person entitled to the above mentioned allowance, pay one penny per week into the hands of the Treasurers for the time being towards increasing the said stock or fund or shall be expelled.

*For profane
behaviour*

XVI. THAT every Member of this Society who shall profanely swear or curse, or make use of any obscene, scurrilous, or abusive language, shall, for every such offence forfeit two-pence.

XVII.

XVII. THAT every Member of this Society who *Members attending in*
 come to any of the respective meetings thereof *Liquor*
 guised in liquor, or shall get intoxicated at any of
 said meetings, or attempt to game or lay any
 ger or wagers on any occasion, shall for each of the
 eral offences forfeit three-pence,

XVIII. THAT on *Monday* annually in the WHITSUN- *Annual Meeting*
 EK, all the Members of this Society shall meet at
 Angel Inn, in Godalming aforesaid by twelve o'clock
 upon, and shall dine together at the said Inn at the
 or of one o'clock, where a dinner shall be provided
 the Treasurers for the time being; which dinner
 ll be paid for by the Treasurers for the time being
 of the stock or fund of this Society. And that
 shillings shall also be allowed out of the said
 k or fund for each Member of this Society, to be
 ut in liquor at each of the annual meetings. And
 every Member who shall not at the time of any
 of the annual meetings of this Society, have been
 mitted a Member thereof twelve calendar months,
 ll pay two-pence *per* month for every month short
 he twelve, towards defraying the expences of the
 ner and liquor. And that every person who shall
 any of the annual meetings of this Society be ad-
 ed a Member thereof, shall upon such his admission
 three shillings and two-pence towards defraying
 expences of the said dinner and liquor.

XIX. THAT the Clerk of this Society for the time *Clerk a*
 ng, shall be considered and is hereby admitted a *member*
 mber thereof; and shall have and be entitled unto
 same benefit from the stock or fund of this Society
 any other Member, as a recompence for his trouble,
 hout his paying or subscribing any thing towards
 said stock or fund. But in case the Clerk of this
 Society

Society for the time being shall neglect to attend any of the meetings thereof (unless prevented by sickness or lameness) he shall for every such neglect forfeit one shilling.

not to read
80

XX. THAT the number of Members of this Society shall not exceed eighty.

Special Meetings

XXI. THAT if on any extraordinary or urgent occasion it shall be thought necessary to summon or convene all the Members of this Society together every Member who shall neglect or refuse to attend such meeting, after reasonable notice thereof from the Treasurers from the time being, shall for every such neglect forfeit one shilling. And that every Member of this Society shall at every special meeting as well as at the general or monthly meetings spend two-pence for the use of the club room.

Treasurers to keep Order at Meeting

XXII. THAT at all the meetings of this Society the Treasurers for the time being shall have power to command silence, and to enforce a due obedience to such command. And if any Member shall refuse to obey the same, he shall for every such refusal forfeit three-pence. And that if any matter or thing not expressly mentioned in these articles shall occasion dispute between any two or more Members, the same shall be determined by votes; only one Member shall be permitted to vote at one time. And if any person shall be guilty of an interruption during the time of voting, he shall for every such interruption forfeit five pence. And when the matter in dispute shall have been determined or made a rule of, any Member who shall attempt to bring the same into any further discussion or dispute in contempt of these orders, shall for every such offence forfeit two shillings and six pence or be expelled.

XXIII. THAT if any Member of this Society shall any time, before or after his admission, belong to be a Member of any other Society of the same nature, he shall be expelled from this Society; and all contributions and forfeits which he shall have paid shall constitute a part of the stock or fund of this Society and be for the benefit of the remaining members.

*No Member
to belong to any
other such Society*

XXIV. THAT this Society shall continue to exist as long as there shall be three Members of the same. And if any Member of this Society shall have occasion to travel from Godalming to live elsewhere within the Kingdom of GREAT BRITAIN, such Member keeping his monthly contributions regularly paid and discharged, shall be entitled to the same benefit from the stock or fund of this Society as the Members resident within the said parish of Godalming are entitled unto. If any Member of this Society who shall so travel remove as aforesaid, shall after the space of two years from the time of his admission into this Society through sickness, lameness, or other infirmity require allowance from the stock or fund of this Society, such Member shall send to the Treasurers for the time being, a Certificate under the hands of the Minister, Churchwardens, and a Surgeon of the parish or place where he shall be then resident, specifying the name and place of abode and profession or business of such Member, together with the nature of the complaint or infirmity under which such Member is labouring, and that he is incapable of earning his living, otherwise such Member shall be entitled to no benefit or allowance from this Society.

*Society to
exist as long
as there are
3 Members*

XXV. THAT all forfeitures and penalties shall be paid to the Treasurers for the time being, for the increase of the stock or fund of this Society (except two-pences which shall be forfeited by the Members neglecting to attend the monthly or special meetings) such two-pences shall be expended at the quarterly meetings for the use of the club room.

*Application
of Perfection*

XXVI.

*No liquor
after 10 o'clock*

XXVI. THAT no liquor shall be called for, or served to any Member of this Society at any of the respective meetings in any other room than the club room, nor in the club room later than ten o'clock in the evening.

*Landlord
not to be a
Member*

XXVII. THAT no landlord of the house where this Society shall meet, shall on any pretence whatsoever be admitted a Member of this Society.

*Member
carrying out
that or liquor*

XXVIII. THAT every Member of this Society who shall carry or cause any victuals or liquor to be carried out of the club room either at an annual meeting or at any of the respective monthly or special meetings of this Society, shall for every such offence forfeit two shillings and six-pence.

*Person
Admitted*

XXIX. THAT no person who is not a Member of this Society shall be permitted to continue in the club room of this Society at any of the respective meetings thereof on any pretence whatsoever.

*Member re.
existing benefit
to attend
monthly meeting
if able*

XXX. THAT every Member of this Society who shall receive any benefit or allowance from the stock or fund thereof, shall during the time he receives such benefit or allowance, attend every monthly meeting (if he be able) or shall not be entitled to receive such benefit or allowance.

*Persons unable
from old age*

XXXI. THAT every Member of this Society who shall be judged by a majority of the Members present at any of the respective monthly meetings, to be unable by reason of old age to work for his living, shall be paid by the Treasurers for the time being out of the stock or fund of this Society, four shillings per week during his life.

XXXII

XXXII. THAT if any Member of this Society shall ^{Be paid for} on account of one and the same illness or infirmity, not ^{receiving} being by reason of old age, incapable of earning his ^{allowance} living, receive the benefit or allowance of this Society ^{for 12 months} during the space of twelve-months without an inter- ^{to receive} mission of four successive weeks, such Member shall ^{half pay} at the expiration of the said twelve-months, have and ^{after that} be entitled to only half the weekly benefit or allowance ^{time} he has received during such twelve-months. And as soon as he is capable of ~~earning his living~~ such half pay shall cease and be no longer payable to him. And that if any Member of this Society being ca- ^{depending} pable of earning his living shall deny that he is so, and it shall be proved that he has defrauded this Society by receiving the benefit or allowance during any time when he shall have been able to have worked he shall then be expelled.

XXXIII. THAT if any Member of this Society who ^{Broken} shall (except by fighting unless in self defence) have the ^{bone} misfortune to break any bone whereby he shall be incapacitated to follow his business or labour for his subsistence, shall be entitled unto, and shall be paid one guinea by the Treasurers for the time being, out of the stock or fund of this Society exclusive of the weekly allowance he will be entitled unto as a sick or infirm member under the twelfth article.

XXXIV. THAT if any Member of this Society receiving ~~the~~ benefit or allowance of this Society shall conceive himself to be able to work he shall give notice to the Treasurers for the time being of the day he intends to try, And if after he hath endeavoured, he shall find himself unable to work, he shall continue to receive the benefit or allowance of this Society until he shall be capable of earning his living.

*Member
to give
notice to
Treasurers
if he
finds he
is unable
to work*

Business of Society to be transacted in Club Room
 XXXV. THAT all the business relating to this Society, as well at the annual meetings as at any of the respective monthly or special meetings thereof, shall be transacted in the club room and not elsewhere. And that any Treasurer or Sub-treasurer who shall at any time transact, or attempt to transact any business relating to this Society in any other room or place than the club room, shall for every such offence forfeit two shillings.

Conformity to Act of 1794
 XXXVI. THAT no one of these rules shall be altered or repealed in any respect whatsoever. Nor shall this Society be dissolved but in such manner as is prescribed and ordered in and by the said Statute, made in the said thirty-third year of the reign of his said present Majesty, for the encouragement and relief of Friendly Societies. And if any Member shall think himself aggrieved by any act, matter, or thing done, or omitted to be done by this Society, or any person or persons acting under them, he shall pursue such remedy as is directed by the said Statute, to the regulations and ordinances whereof, and to the several rules, orders, and regulations above mentioned, the under signed Members of this Society do severally agree to conform.

OCTOBER 7th, 1794.

I have examined the above rules, orders, and regulations, and do find them conformable to the true intent and meaning of an act passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of his present Majesty, for the encouragement and relief of FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

M I D L E T O N.

MICHAELMAS SESSIONS, 7th OCTOBER, 1794.

Allowed and confirmed, CHARLES JOHN LAWSON,
 Deputy Clerk of the Peace for SURREY.

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